

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application, with Claims 1, 8, and 15 being independent.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,983,466 (Miller et al.). Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer with respect to the Miller et al. patent, thereby obviating the grounds for the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Since no other issues remain, claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter remain unresolved, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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